

**ALLOWANCE**

1. Claims 1-8 are allowed.

***Drawings***

2. The drawings filed on 1/25/05 are acceptable subject to correction of the following informalities: Figures 1 and 2 include black shading. The drawings should be corrected to show black and white lines only. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott E. Jones whose telephone number is (571) 272-4438. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M..

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